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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 79:

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~~79. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of processing the responses from the third party search engines is performed in parallel.~~

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-29 and claims 46-57. Claims 1-6, 16-20, 46-50, and 51-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being

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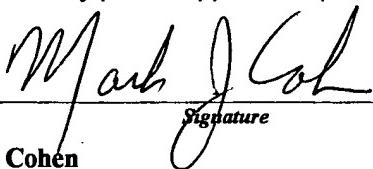
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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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